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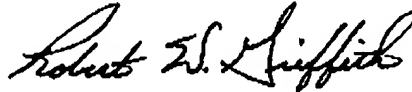
REMARKS

The present application was filed on December 20, 2000 with claims 1-19. Claim 20 has been added in this Supplemental Amendment. Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application and claims 1-3, 7, 10-12, 19 and 20 are the pending independent claims.

Supplemental to the response submitted on December 27, 2004, claim 20 has been added in an effort to provide an indication of allowable subject matter and to expedite the application through to issuance.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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